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New Affiliate Members

The session of Community Church has welcomed the following new affiliate members in recent weeks: Gordon and Susie Brown, Dale and Lynn Bishop, and Bob and Jimmie Putnam. Please warmly welcome these saints as affiliate members (even though they have all been worshiping with us for *many* years)!

Capital Campaign Results Still Growing!

Pledges and donations for our exterior renovation capital campaign continue to grow! As of this writing, pledges and donations total \$82,700, far exceeding our goal of \$55,000! As a condition of our grant from the Colorado Historical Society, our church is required to contribute \$50,000 toward the renovation expenses. The session of Community Presbyterian added a tithe of \$5,000 to that figure, to be used for local and foreign missions.

The capital campaign income that exceeds our goal will be used to replace siding, windows and painting the two additions, Darley and Warner Halls. Renovation of the two additions does not fall under our grant from the historical society since they are not old enough to be considered historical.

Sincerest thanks to all members, affiliate members, and friends who have donated and pledged in order to carry out badly needed exterior repair and restoration of our buildings.

Remember that all pledging families receive a complimentary copy of George Darley's book, *Pioneering in the San Juan*. If you would like a copy mailed to you, just contact the church office. Copies are available for pick-up in Warner Hall.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your faithful support of our capital campaign!

2008 Stewardship Campaign Update

Community Presbyterian Church celebrated Pledge Dedication Sunday on Sunday, August 10 with the collection of pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the year 2009. As of this writing, 36 pledges of time and talent have been received, and 52 pledges of financial giving have been received. The latter pledges currently total \$93,870 toward our goal of \$105,000 budgeted for the year 2009. We are deeply thankful to affiliate member Ron Yates for coordinating the 2008 stewardship campaign, and to all those who spoke before worship or wrote articles for the worship bulletin during the campaign. The theme of the 2008 campaign was "Growing a Generous Heart!"

The session of our church is well aware that generous giving is difficult under present economic circumstances. Furthermore, the saints of Community Presbyterian have just committed, far beyond our goal, to the capital campaign for renovation of our historical buildings. Yet those same saints have once again expressed joyous thanksgiving to God by their pledges of financial support to our work and mission for the upcoming year. To all the members, affiliate members, and friends of Community Presbyterian, thank you most sincerely for your abundantly generous commitment of time, skills, and financial resources to the work and ministries of our church in 2009!

If you have not yet submitted your pledges of commitment, you will find cards for that purpose in the holders in the pews of our sanctuary. Simply fill them out and drop them in the offering plate. We will also be glad to send you pledge cards; just call the church office. Your generous commitment is one way to say "Thank you!" to the God who blesses all of us so richly.

2008 Ice Cream Social

The annual Community Presbyterian Ice Cream Social took place on Sunday, August 17 at 6:30 pm in Darley Hall. We were joined, as usual, by our sisters and brothers from St. James Episcopal Church, following their evening service of worship. Those assembled enjoyed a surfeit of different kinds of homemade ice cream, cookies, brownies, and cakes. Tables were set up on the church lawn to seat the overflow crowd. Everyone ate to excess, and everyone had a terrific time. Thanks to Helen Thompson and Irene Pate and all those who provided ice cream and baked goodies!

Highlights from the August 14, 2008 Meeting of the Session

The session approved a plan to construct a columbarium consisting of 72 individual niches for the containment of ashes. Pat Ezell will work with our treasurer, Helen Thompson, to purchase the niches from Everest Columbarium. The columbarium could be completed this fall, but may have to wait until next spring depending upon delivery of the niches the availability of a stone mason to build the enclosure.

Jay Farrar reported on the schedule for rehabilitation of the exterior of the sanctuary. That work, to be done by local contractor Pat Holley, is set to begin before the end of August. A separate bank account has been established for management of funds received from the Colorado Historical Society.

The session affirmed its commitment to renovation of Darley and Warner Halls given a significantly higher estimate of expenses from Pat Holley.

The session heard reports from treasurer Helen Thompson on the current status of the capital and stewardship campaigns.

The session reviewed a report from Tom Robb regarding the status of the church's Endowment Fund for the first seven months of 2008. As of the end of July the value of our endowment fund was \$517,227.

The 2008 Officer Nominating Committee, consisting of Lynn Hudgeons, Lori Winblood, John Roose, Barbara Moore, and Joanie Anastasion was instructed and commissioned to begin its work in selecting elder nominees to fill vacancies and for the Elder Class of 2011.

The session approved a date of October 19 for the 2008 annual meeting of the congregation.

The elders approved giving of a tithe (one tenth) to missions from the proceeds of our capital campaign for renovations, whatever the total of those proceeds may be. The session originally set that mission-giving figure to be \$5,000, but our church has far exceeded its goal for the capital campaign. As of this date, mission giving from the capital campaign (a tithe) will be roughly \$8,300. A subcommittee of the session will determine giving to various local and non-local missions.

Youth Programs (.epic.) Update (from Seth and Crystal Dady)

“Every season we have experienced here in the San Juan Mountains has been an incredible testimony to the creativity and glory of the Lord. If we were to pick a favorite season, it would have to be summer. With a constant temperature of 75 degrees and almost no humidity, it makes us wonder if God is wanting us to experience a taste of heavenly climate while still on earth. Unfortunately, this utopia only lasts until September, which leads to the shared attitude that we must make every day count, soaking up the moments like a thirsty sponge.

Is this not what our Sovereign Creator has designed for us every season of our lives? He says in John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” His very best for our lives is to abide in Him and His Word and therefore experience true joy everyday of our lives. This truth has resonated loudly with us this year. Our joy does not depend on possessions, circumstances, salary, relationships, good days, or bad days. It is solely found in the unconditional embrace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is what we have been given to share with the youth. This truth is what our fallen world longs to hear. How can we keep it to ourselves?

Our ministry with the youth consists of evangelism, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ; discipleship, one-on-one and group study of God's Word and how to apply it to our lives; and fellowship, gathering to share life and experiences. This is worked out in weekly meetings, guys and girls Bible study, and youth group trips throughout the year. This year we decided to change our youth group name to .epic. We explained to the kids that this name is a challenge for them to become “generation epic” - to surpass the ordinary in everyday life, thus bringing glory to their Creator.

It has been so exciting to watch our core group of students begin to grasp the beauty of their own relationship with Christ. After the mission trip to a Navajo Indian school in Arizona, a group of them decided to begin a study on the book of Revelation as their own Bible study for the summer. We have also talked to a few of them about co-leading a Bible study for the middle-schoolers with a few of our volunteers. It is so amazing to see true discipleship happening in this group! Just the other day Crystal received a phone call from the sophomore she is mentoring. She explained that she had just been grounded due to an argument with her mom. She was sorry for her attitude, but happy that she was grounded because she realized her time with God had been sacrificed lately due to her busy schedule. She thought that maybe God designed her two weeks of punishment so they could catch up on time together.

We give all glory to God for what He has done and is doing in our life, the lives of the kids, and the leaders in the churches. Please pray for us and the leaders of the student ministry council as we seek God's best for the youth.

In His grace,

Seth and Crystal Dady”

Youth Programs Fund Raiser

The Christian youth ministry of Lake City, called .epic., will hold a taco luncheon on Sunday, August 24 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in order to raise funds for its ministry and programs. Please join all of the churches of Lake City in supporting our youth, and enjoy some great tacos, too!

Annual Lake City Choir Gospel Concert

The Lake City Community Choir will present their annual Gospel Concert on Monday, August 25 at 7:00 pm in the Community Church sanctuary. The concert is always uplifting and joyous - please come!

KLUB to Kickoff September 10

KLUB (Kids Living Under the Bible), our Wednesday after-school program for elementary grade children will resume on September 10. Crystal Dady continues in her capacity as director. The kids will meet from 4:00 until 5:30 pm every Wednesday throughout the 2008-2009 school year. Children have a snack, explore a Bible story, sing songs, play games, and create crafts each Wednesday.

Adult volunteers are very much needed, as well as volunteers to provide snacks for the kids on particular Wednesdays. A snack sign-up sheet is posted in Darley Hall. Please pray for our KLUB kids and volunteers throughout the new school year!

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study will continue through September 17. This summer participants are studying the prophecy of Isaiah. Join us for

burgers, hot dogs, potluck dishes, great fellowship, and an encounter with Isaiah!

Pastor's Potluck Dinners

All members and friends of Community Church are welcome to join the pastor and his family for supper on a Friday night of your choice! Guests are invited to bring a dish to share with others and to gather at the pastor's house for good food and conversation. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Darley Hall bulletin board. Come join us!

Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men from all of the Lake City churches meet every Thursday morning at 6:30 am at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for breakfast, conversation, prayer, and Bible study. Come join us!

Renewal Opportunities

Presbyterian Cursillo and *Walk to Emmaus* are two powerful renewal opportunities with events scheduled in October. A Cursillo event is scheduled October 23-26 near Colorado Springs. Walk to Emmaus offers separate events for men and women, October 9-12 and October 16-19, both near Cedaredge, Colorado. Brochures are located in the literature rack in the narthex. Similar events are held regularly throughout the US. See Pastor John for more information on Cursillo, Emmaus, and other transformative opportunities. Is God calling you to be renewed?

Wi-Fi Now Available in Darley Hall!

Summer residents and others are most welcome to bring their laptops and connect to the Internet in Darley Hall whenever there are no scheduled events happening there. A strong wireless signal is now available in Darley!

Volunteers Always Needed!

Volunteers are continuously needed to serve as coffee fellowship hosts, worship readers and greeters, worship musicians, and worship flower providers. Please sign up to volunteer on the sheets posted in Darley Hall. See Pastor John for more information.